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1 PHEROMONE COMPOSITION

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3 The invention relates to compositions formulated to  
4 attract fish, in order to capture them. More  
5 particularly the composition may be used in a liquid  
6 form to be applied onto or into bait, lures or flies  
7 which are used by anglers and commercial fishermen  
8 alike.

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10 Angling and fishing are sports which attract a large  
11 number of people. A wide range of bait, lures and  
12 flies are marketed at these persons in order to provide  
13 them with more success in catching fish.

14

15 Some organic compounds are known to be active in the  
16 feeding response of some species by enhancing feeding  
17 or attracting fish to a general area. They are known  
18 to occur at low concentration levels in crustacea and  
19 also in a range of decomposing animals. Such compounds  
20 are small organic odorants.

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22 It has been reported that women have a greater success  
23 rate in catching salmon than male anglers (see *Salmon*  
24 *and women*, W. Paterson & P. Behan, published by H, F &  
25 G Witherby Ltd 1990).

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1 It is an object of the invention to provide a  
2 composition showing enhanced attracting effects on  
3 fish.

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5 It is another object of the invention to provide a  
6 method to attract fish by using the composition of the  
7 invention.

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9 It is a further object of the invention to provide the  
10 composition of the invention to be applied to bait  
11 (live or dead), lures or flies (dry or wet) used in the  
12 practise of angling or commercial fishing.

13  
14 It has surprisingly been found that compositions  
15 containing at least one human female pheromone presents  
16 an unexpectedly good attractive effect on fish, and  
17 particularly on salmon. Such compositions may be  
18 applied on any kind of bait used by anglers and  
19 fishermen.

20  
21 Herein the term "pheromone" is taken to include amines  
22 such as trimethylamine and pyrroline, and salts  
23 thereof, steroids of the androstene family such as 5-  
24 alpha-androst-16-en-3- $\alpha$ -ol, heterocyclic compounds  
25 including nitrogen and/or sulphur such as indole and  
26 skatole and alkanolic acid compounds such as 4-  
27 methyloctanoic acid.

28  
29 The objects of the invention are achieved with a fish  
30 attracting composition comprising at least one human  
31 female pheromone, or a synthetic nature-similar version  
32 of the latter.

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34 In one embodiment the invention provides at least one  
35 female human pheromone together with an acceptable  
36 carrier.

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1 Alternatively the composition can comprise a synthetic  
2 female pheromone with a carrier. Preferably the  
3 carrier solubilises the compound.

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5 Preferred carriers include aliphatic alcohols such as  
6 ethanol, monoethylene glycol and propylene glycol.

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8 It is preferred that the pheromone used in the  
9 composition of the invention be at least trimethylamine  
10 or one volatile steroid of the androstene family  
11 together with at least one compound chosen from a  
12 complex array of alkanolic acids, including those having  
13 a carbon atom number ranging from C4 to C5 and  
14 especially substituted acids having a carbon atom  
15 number ranging from C8 to C10.

16  
17 A particularly preferred composition comprises at least  
18 one salt of trimethylamine (typically the  
19 hydrochloride) and 5-alpha-androst-16-en-3-alpha-ol.

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21 A preferred composition according to the invention may  
22 comprise in association with nature-similar versions of  
23 human female pheromones, a suite of other potent aroma  
24 chemicals (referred to herein as Key Impact Odorants  
25 [KIOs]) which occur in both fresh and decomposing  
26 animal tissue.

27  
28 These other KIOs can be special amines and associated  
29 heterocyclic compounds including nitrogen and sulphur  
30 such as indole and skatole. It is also preferred that  
31 the odorant compounds be provided with concentrations  
32 of several order of magnitude higher than the ones  
33 which are found in conventional bait.

34  
35 The composition of the invention can be used in various  
36 embodiments.

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1 In one embodiment the composition is a liquid which  
2 bait, lure, fly, ground bait and/or hooks can be dipped  
3 into or the liquid can be poured onto the bait, lure,  
4 fly, ground bait and/or hooks.

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6 The composition of the invention may also be formulated  
7 as a spray to allow easy manipulation by the users and  
8 could either be hand pumped or gas driven.

9  
10 In a preferred embodiment the composition is formulated  
11 to be injected into bait.

12  
13 Alternatively the composition can be incorporated into  
14 plastic bait.

15  
16 To attract fish one may apply the composition of the  
17 invention on a bait or a suitable support and provide  
18 it in area where fish are used to be found.

19  
20 The composition may also be applied directly onto bare  
21 hooks.

22  
23 The composition of the invention can be formulated for  
24 a wide range of applications including combining with  
25 floatant, spraying flies, combining with greasing or  
26 degreasing agents to enable bait to float or sink as  
27 required.

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29 The formulation can also be combined with ground bait  
30 and dried for storage purposes.

31  
32 Formulations of the present invention are surprisingly  
33 effective in aqueous solution. Whereas a preferred  
34 carrier is ethanol and a basic formulation can include  
35 a salt of trimethylamine in ethanol, in use the  
36 formulation produces trimethylamine on contact with

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1 water. In fishing, the formulation will be vastly  
2 diluted in water and therefore it is most surprising  
3 that use of the formulation can effectively enhance  
4 fishing.

5  
6 The pheromones which may be advantageously used in a  
7 composition according to the invention include the  
8 following:

9  
10 Trimethylamine (TMA) (as derived from a salt of  
11 trimethylamine such as the hydrochloride) is an  
12 exceptionally interesting KIO pheromone. It occurs on  
13 human skin and is especially important for females. It  
14 is the characteristic odour of a menstruating female.  
15 The odour profile is distinctive and is not shared by  
16 closely related amines such as, for example,  
17 dimethylamine. The aroma is that of fresh shell fish  
18 at the threshold level. In fact it is thought that  
19 most of the charm of oyster, scallops and the like  
20 comes from TMA. The aroma changes with increasing  
21 concentration and becomes increasingly unpleasant. At  
22 a high level TMA will be perceived as an off-odour in  
23 shell fish and the like, and as a sign of lack of  
24 hygiene in a human subject.

25  
26 The threshold concentration for humans is about 1ppb (1  
27 part in  $10^9$ ) - this is low by olfactory standards.  
28 There is, in fact, great individual variability and the  
29 concentration varies around the mean figure by about 3  
30 orders of magnitude. This gives rise to great  
31 variability; for example, a crustacean may appear  
32 delightful to a person of high threshold but may be  
33 abhorrent to a person of low threshold (skin  
34 sensitivity). See in that matter "Ageing and the Sense  
35 of Smell" C. Van Toller, GH Dodd & A Billing, Charles T  
36 Thomas, Publisher, Springfield, Illinois, USA, 1985.

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1 Another interesting pheromone to be used in the fish-  
2 attracting composition is 1-Pyrroline. This is a rare  
3 and little studied human pheromone. It is unstable and  
4 therefore very difficult to study. It is formed by  
5 oxidation of precursor molecules such as 1,4-  
6 diaminobutane and 1,4-diaminopentane. These amines  
7 occur in a variety of human tissues, and can be formed  
8 from appropriate amino acids.

9  
10 In order to overcome the instability problem when 1-  
11 Pyrroline is to be used in a fish-attracting  
12 composition of the invention, the parent amines (i.e.  
13 the above mentioned precursors) are incorporated at a  
14 high level in the composition. They will slowly  
15 oxidize and release the unstable active odorant.

16  
17 These parent amines are also called respectively,  
18 putrescine and cadaverine, for obvious olfactory  
19 reasons and occurred in decomposing animal tissue. The  
20 human threshold is in the ppb range.

21  
22 A further preferred pheromone is the 5-alpha-androst-  
23 16-en-3- $\alpha$ -ol. This pheromone is a well-known pheromone  
24 which is found in both males and females but is thought  
25 to be more important for women (in contrast to the  
26 related steroid pheromone, alpha-androstenone). The  
27 threshold for human is in the low ppb range. The odour  
28 is usually described as musky.

29  
30 A still further preferred pheromone is 4-Methyloctanoic  
31 acid which is characteristic of the scalp odour and may  
32 be found in gamey meat. The threshold is unusually low  
33 for a fatty acid and is in the region of ppb. It is  
34 has been reported that women are much more sensitive to  
35 this odorant than men.

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1 A particular composition according to the invention has  
2 been tested in fishing experiments on the River Ness,  
3 other rivers in the Highlands, and in Ireland and on a  
4 variety of Lochs. Positive results have been obtained.

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6 The composition of this particular non-limiting  
7 composition is the following :

8	9	Component No	Name	Amount Required for 1000 litres of solvent (ethanol)
10				
11				
12				
13	1		Trimethylamine	7kg
14			hydrochloride	
15	2		1,4 diaminobutane	0.7kg
16	3		1,4 diaminopentane	0.1kg
17	4		indole	50 grm
18	5		skatole	40 grm
19	6		isovaleric acid	40 grm
20	7		4-methyloctanoic acid	10 grm
21	8		4-methylnonanoic acid	5 grm
22	9		phenylacetic acid	20 grm
23	10		2-methyl-E-butenic acid	5 grm
24	11		4-methylpentanoic acid	10 grm
25	12		2-methyl-2-pentenoic acid	10 grm
26	13		5-alpha-androst-16-en-3-alpha-ol	60 mg-6g

27  
28 A more general preferred composition comprises

29	30	Component No	Name	Amount Required for 1000 litres of solvent
31				
32				
33				
34	1		KIO Pheromone	0.05-50kg
35	2		Alkanoic acid	5g-1.5kg
36	3		Amines	0.1kg-8kg



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1 Even if a special emphasis has been given on the  
2 utility of the composition in order to ease fishing it  
3 is understood that the composition to attract fish as  
4 above described may be used for other purposes. For  
5 example it may be used to attract salmon into special  
6 paths provided in order to help them to cross dams,  
7 waterfalls or other obstructions.

8

## 9 Experimental Study

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11 An initial study was carried out to establish a  
12 relationship between the use of female pheromones at a  
13 chosen concentration and the increase in the catch of  
14 salmon, either by fish size or numbers caught using the  
15 conventional rod and line method with a selected range  
16 of hand tied salmon flies.

17

18 Three specialist salmon fly fishermen were chosen who  
19 regularly fished prime salmon rivers, have extensive  
20 combined specialist knowledge gained from 20 years of  
21 fly fishing, fish a regular pattern over the entire  
22 season, have experience of observing changes and  
23 variations in fish runs and catch methods and were  
24 willing to comply with strict rules with regard to  
25 reporting procedures.

26

27 Rivers chosen for the study covered the entire salmon  
28 cycle, i.e Spring-Summer and Autumn salmon runs,  
29 January-September 1997.

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## 31 Results

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33 Some interesting findings came to light at the season  
34 end:

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1 Of the three subjects chosen, all had a significant  
2 change in their catch pattern, (1) 43 salmon caught (2)  
3 75 salmon caught (3) 15 salmon caught.

4  
5 Subjects (1) and (2) fly fished the middle/upper  
6 reaches of a major salmon river. The river is world  
7 famous for the range of salmon fishing available.  
8 Spring salmon run (10-25lbs) is moderate. Large runs  
9 of Summer grilse (3-8 lbs) and a good run of Autumn  
10 salmon (10-30 lbs).

11  
12 Subject (3) fly fished a major East Coast spring salmon  
13 fishery (10-30 lbs) This river has small runs of summer  
14 salmon owing to licensed commercial fishing in estuary  
15 waters.

16  
17 In all cases the reports returned were similar with  
18 more consistent catches particularly when fish were in  
19 holding pools (when water levels receded after floods).

20  
21 Catch summary (Salmon caught)

22			
23	Subject	1996	1997
24	(1)	37	75
25	(2)	18	43
26	(3)	9	15

27  
28 No exceptional fish size was reported over that of the  
29 1996 season.

30  
31 Water levels for 1997 were consistently high by  
32 comparison to 1996 resulting in concentration of  
33 several salmon runs in holding pools throughout the  
34 entire river system.

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36 Current information on official commercial salmon catch

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1 ventures for 1997 would indicate a 20% reduction on the  
2 1996 season.

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4 Water temperatures were slightly higher than previous  
5 years.

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7 Most salmon for this study were caught on an imitation  
8 shrimp fly dressing of various sizes.

9  
10 All subjects chosen for this study were male with  
11 average age of 45 years.

12  
13 All subjects chosen tie their own flies, however,  
14 similar selected shrimp/prawn flies were distributed to  
15 all.

16  
17 Salmon flies used were purchased from local fishing  
18 tackle shops.

19  
20 The final results of this initial trial study would  
21 indicate some relationship between the choice of fly  
22 with sample female pheromone and the traditional fly  
23 fishing method.

24  
25 One fisherman has fished for Sea Bass (commonly known  
26 as Salmon Bass) off the east coast for many years, with  
27 varying success. This specialist fishing activity  
28 fished off chosen rocky points in July/August would  
29 normally yield 1-2 fish per outing. This year, using  
30 identical fishing lures, substantially improved bass  
31 catches were recorded with better than average sizes  
32 using the female pheromone formulation described  
33 herein. Other specialist bass anglers fishing the same  
34 waters did not use the formulation and did not return  
35 above average catches.

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## 1 CLAIMS

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1. A fish attracting composition comprising at least one human female pheromone, or a synthetic nature-similar version thereof.

2. A composition as claimed in claim 1 comprising a human female pheromone or a synthetic nature-similar version thereof together with an acceptable carrier.

3. A composition as claimed in any of the previous claims wherein the carrier is an aliphatic alcohol or propylene glycol.

4. A composition as claimed in any of the previous claims wherein the pheromone is at least one volatile steroid of the androstene family together with at least one compound chosen from a complex array of alkanolic acids.

5. A composition as claimed in any of the previous claims wherein the composition comprises trimethylamine hydrochloride and 5- $\alpha$ -androst-16-en-3- $\alpha$ -ol.

6. A composition as claimed in any of the preceding claims wherein the composition is a liquid.

7. A composition as claimed in any of the preceding claims which is formulated for injection into bait.

8. A composition as claimed in any of claims 1-6 which is formulated as a spray.

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- 1 9. Plastic bait including the composition as claimed
- 2 in any of claims 1-6.
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- 4 10. Dried ground bait including a composition as
- 5 claimed in any of claims 1-5.
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## 1 CLAIMS

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- 3 1. A fish attracting composition comprising at least
- 4 one human female pheromone, or a synthetic nature-
- 5 similar version thereof.
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- 8 human female pheromone or a synthetic nature-
- 9 similar version thereof together with an
- 10 acceptable carrier.
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- 12 3. A composition as claimed in any of the previous
- 13 claims wherein the carrier is an aliphatic alcohol
- 14 or propylene glycol.
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- 16 4. A composition as claimed in any of the previous
- 17 claims wherein the pheromone is at least one
- 18 volatile steroid of the androstene family together
- 19 with at least one compound chosen from a complex
- 20 array of alkanolic acids.
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- 22 5. A composition as claimed in any of the previous
- 23 claims wherein the composition comprises
- 24 trimethylamine hydrochloride and 5- alpha-androst-
- 25 16-en-3- $\alpha$ -ol.
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- 28 claims wherein the composition is a liquid.
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9 alkanolic acids.

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12 comprising an acceptable carrier.

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Applicant KIOTECH LIMITED et al.		

1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.



2. This REPORT consists of a total of 5 sheets, including this cover sheet.

☒ This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e. sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

These annexes consist of a total of 2 sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I ☒ Basis of the report
- II ☐ Priority
- III ☐ Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV ☐ Lack of unity of invention
- V ☒ Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI ☐ Certain documents cited
- VII ☒ Certain defects in the international application
- VIII ☐ Certain observations on the international application

Date of submission of the demand  29/04/1999	Date of completion of this report  15.11.99
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## I. Basis of the report

1. This report has been drawn on the basis of (*substitute sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to the report since they do not contain amendments.*):

### Description, pages:

1-10 as originally filed

### Claims, No.:

1-9 as received on 29/10/1999 with letter of 26/10/1999

2. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages:  
☐ the claims, Nos.:  
☐ the drawings, sheets:

3. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed (Rule 70.2(c)):

4. Additional observations, if necessary:

## V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

### 1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes:	Claims	1-9
	No:	Claims	
Inventive step (IS)	Yes:	Claims	1-9
	No:	Claims	
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes:	Claims	1-9
	No:	Claims	

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**2. Citations and explanations**

**see separate sheet**

**VII. Certain defects in the international application**

The following defects in the form or contents of the international application have been noted:

**see separate sheet**

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**Ad Section V:**

The present application relates to compositions for attracting fish, comprising at least one human female pheromone, or a synthetic nature-similar version thereof, wherein the pheromone is at least one volatile steroid of the androstene family, and the compositions further comprise at least one compound chosen from a complex array of alkanoic acids.

The amendments to the claims and description are considered allowable according to Art.34(2)(b) PCT in that they do not extend the scope of the application beyond that of the disclosure as originally filed.

FR-A-2561871 (D1) discloses methods of attracting fish by simulating the compounds given off by fish or other marine animals, which indicate their presence to other fish. Compounds found to have significant effects are eg. trimethylamine, indole, scatole, putrescine and cadaverine among others (see page 4, lines 9-28).

EP-A-219416 (D3) discloses methods and compositions for attracting fish, which contain at least an amine, a second compound chosen from among amino acids, urea and amides, and optionally other components (see page 2, lines 40-60). Examples are provided showing the use of trimethylamine in such fish attractants.

FR-A-582224 (D4) discloses attractant/bait compositions for fish, containing ammonia or its amine derivatives or trimethylamine. The compounds may be formulated as powders, sprays, baits etc., using various carriers.

EP-A-280443 (D5) discloses repellent compositions for deer containing compounds extracted from lion faeces. These compounds include alkanoic acids, indoles, amines (see page 2, line 31-page 3, line 37).

WO-A-8505014 (D6) discloses baits pellets for fish, containing fish attractants such as trimethylamine, with carriers.

Documents D1 and D3 to D6 are no longer relevant to novelty of the subject matter of

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the claims, since none of these documents disclose the claimed compositions containing androstene steroids.

WO-A-8300417 (D2) discloses the use of human pheromones as animal repellents (see page 3, paragraph 2-page 6, paragraph 1). The compounds may be formulated with carriers, including as liquids (see page 8, paragraph 2). Formulations may be incorporated into solid bodies eg. in polymers (see page 9, paragraph 2-page 10-line 1).

The compounds listed on page 4 of D2 include various androstene compounds including the preferred compound of the present application. However, there is no disclosure of the incorporation into these compositions of alkanoic acids such as presently claimed. Thus the subject matter of claims 1-9 is novel with respect to D2 (Art.33(2) PCT).

It can neither be derived from D2, which discloses the use of androstene compounds as animal repellents, nor from D1, D3, D4 and D6, disclosing the use of other chemical types of pheromones as fish attractants, that compositions containing androstene compounds and compounds chosen from a complex array of alkanoic acids would be effective as fish attractants. Thus inventive step of the claimed subject matter can also be acknowledged (Art.33(3) PCT).

**Ad Section VII:**

Contrary to the requirements of Rule 5.1(a)(ii) PCT, the relevant background art disclosed in the documents cited above is not mentioned in the description, nor are these documents identified therein.

The description should be adapted to correspond to the subject matter of the claims on file.



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(PCT Rule 61.2)

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<b>International application No.</b> PCT/GB98/02941	<b>Applicant's or agent's file reference</b>
<b>International filing date (day/month/year)</b> 30 September 1998 (30.09.98)	<b>Priority date (day/month/year)</b> 01 October 1997 (01.10.97)
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1. The designated Office is hereby notified of its election made:

☒ in the demand filed with the International Preliminary Examining Authority on:

29 April 1999 (29.04.99)

☐ in a notice effecting later election filed with the International Bureau on:2. The election ☒ was☐ was not

made before the expiration of 19 months from the priority date or, where Rule 32 applies, within the time limit under Rule 32.2(b).

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## INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

Applicant's or agent's file reference	<b>FOR FURTHER ACTION</b> see Notification of Transmittal of International Search Report (Form PCT/ISA/220) as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.	
International application No. <b>PCT/GB 98/ 02941</b>	International filing date (day/month/year) <b>30/09/1998</b>	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year) <b>01/10/1997</b>
Applicant <b>KIOTECH LIMITED et al.</b>		

This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This International Search Report consists of a total of 3 sheets.

☒ It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. ☐ Certain claims were found unsearchable (see Box I).

2. ☐ Unity of invention is lacking (see Box II).

3. ☐ The international application contains disclosure of a **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing** and the international search was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing

☐ filed with the international application.

☐ furnished by the applicant separately from the international application,

☐ but not accompanied by a statement to the effect that it did not include matter going beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed.

☐ Transcribed by this Authority

4. With regard to the **title**, ☒ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant

☐ the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

5. With regard to the **abstract**,

☒ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant

☐ the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box III. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this International Search Report, submit comments to this Authority.

6. The figure of the **drawings** to be published with the abstract is:

Figure No. — ☐ as suggested by the applicant.

☐ None of the figures.

☐ because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.

☐ because this figure better characterizes the invention.

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## A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

## B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC 6 A01N A23K A01K

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

## C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	FR 2 561 871 A (GROUPE ETU REALISA NAVALES) 4 October 1985 see page 1, line 12 - page 4, line 28 see page 4, line 38 - page 5, line 6 see page 6, line 20 - line 30 see page 7, line 2 - line 11 see page 7, line 24 - line 38 see page 9, line 17 - page 10, line 6 ---	1,2
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X	see page 8, last line - page 10, paragraph 3; claims 7,9; examples 5E,,6M --- -/--	1-3,6-10

☒ Further documents are listed in the continuation of box C.☒ Patent family members are listed in annex.

## \* Special categories of cited documents:

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"X" document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered novel or cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is taken alone

"Y" document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is combined with one or more other such documents, such combination being obvious to a person skilled in the art

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